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Join Us For Some Party Fun!

Our Christmas party is on 8 December starting at 2:00 PM. See the map on page 4 for the easy way to get to the Isham's in the winter. If you follow your phone map it will be 2 minutes shorter, but your life expectancy may take a quick downgrade because of the icy grade you will encounter. Don't forget the gift exchange and the donation for HOPE, where we hold our monthly meetings. Food info was sent out last week, and if you still have questions call Tamea at 907-688-3671. First come first served on parking close to the house and we will have parking assistants to pack everybody in. See you on Sunday.

Art and Tamea

Running Board Reflections



With Thanksgiving out of the way, Linda gets ready for Christmas with auto-themed wrapping paper. Her smile, possibly broader than-usual, could be caused by the fact that she has only one more president's column to write.

I hope you all had a very Happy Thanksgiving. Our family celebrated by hosting a small dinner with son Rand and daughter Connie along with her partner Joshua. We took some time to have a FaceTime chat with our son Luke who lives in Kennewick Washington. We did not opt for turkey this holiday, instead roasting a prime rib. Each part of the family contributed dishes, so that I did not have to cook all the courses. For that I was grateful. There were great desserts; as usual I ate way too much food.

Unlike many others, we did not participate in in-person Black Friday shopping. In fact, we did not even leave the house at all. Combat shopping is no longer for me, nor is impulse buying, especially since I am still trying to down-size after the move to the new house. We did, however, do some online shopping; sexy products like household water and air filters, cleaning brushes, new floor mats, a pair of shoes. Be still my beating heart!

I am looking forward to the annual AAMA Christmas party being held in a few days. I am especially grateful to Art and Tam Isham (and their family members who assist) for hosting this event for the Club. If you have not attended this party before, you are missing out on an evening of great company, great food, and great camaraderie! I hope to see you there. Don't forget to open your purse or wallet for Hope!

This is my penultimate article for you, my fellow Musters. This is the thirty-fifth of these "Reflections" I have foisted upon you during my tenure as President. I admit that even I, a woman of many words, is running out of things to say. Therefore, I will close with a wish for a peaceful Holiday season of love and good cheer for you and your families.

Just remember, you're not quite rid of me yet. You'll hear from me one last time, in the New Year.

—Linda



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One Man's Treasures

Our ads are intended for members and others who wish to sell cars and related items. There is no charge, and the ad will run for three consecutive issues before being removed. To pull an ad, extend it or to place a new ad, contact Tom at 907-694-7510.

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For Sale: 1963 Studebaker needs a new home, some TLC and paint. Minimal rust; 289 that runs; 4-barrel & AT. \$7,800.00, Paul Voeller, Anchor Point (907) 299-8042. <voeller.paul@icloud.com>

Schedule of events

- o December 8—2:00-8:00 Christmas party at Isham's in Peters Creek
- o January 10—6:30 pm Meeting (Installation of officers)
- o February 14—6:30 pm Meeting
- o February 24—Rondy parade and show (Art Isham & Donn Reese)
- o February 25—Rondy Show



For Sale: 6 metal stanchions; asking \$150 for the set (\$25.00 each). Mike Stoddard michael.stoddard@airgas.com

AAMA Business Meeting

November 13, 2024

Location: Hope Community
Resources Learning Center
570 W. 53rd Ave.
Anchorage, Alaska

Meeting called to order at 6:31 pm by President Linda Mattes Golding. There were 29 members present and no guests.

October Minutes

The minutes were approved from the October business meeting as published in the Tinkering Times.

Treasurer's Report

Louis Mestier provided the treasurer's report.

Louis Mestier presented the 2025 budget for the club. He passed out a sheet outlining the budget line items for the upcoming year. The Tinkering Times will increase from \$30.00 to \$40.00 for the printed copy. There was a motion to accept the increased price of printing the paper copies of the Tinkering Times newsletter. The motion passed. The AAMA dues will remain \$20.00 for 2025.

There was a motion to accept the proposed budget and membership dues for 2025. The motion passed.

Old Business

**The Downtown Partnership Trick or Treat Street event took place on Saturday, October 26 with several of our club members handing out lots of candy from the trunks of their cars.

**The holiday party is scheduled for Sunday December 8, 2024, beginning at 2:00. The party will be hosted at Art and Tam Isham's house. Tam passed around a sign-up sheet for food to bring to the party along with maps to their house. There will also be a gift exchange with a \$25 limit. As a Thank You to Hope Community Resources, monetary donations will be collected at the Christmas party so they can use the money to support their many special projects.

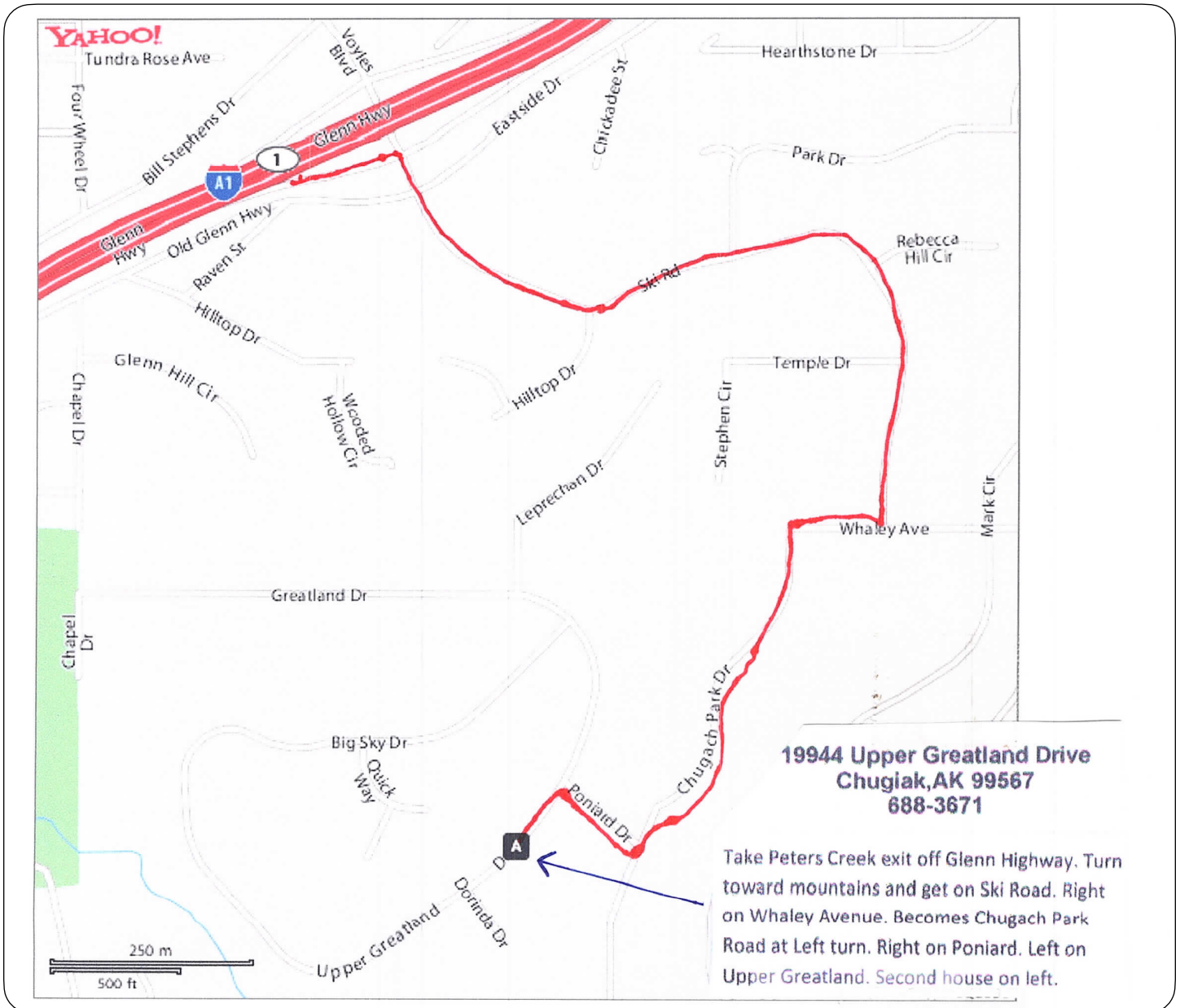
New Business

**Linda Mattes Golding discussed an AACA scholarship nomination for Adrian Leonelli. Adrian is the grandson of long-time AAMA and AACA members Bill and Joyce Chace. AACA is offering several youth scholarships for students who have demonstrated an active interest and participation in the antique car hobby. Adrian has grown up working on old cars with his grandpa Bill and participating in club events. He is a 19-year-old student currently attending diesel mechanics school and has an internship at NC machinery. There was a motion to nominate Adrian Leonelli for the AACA scholarships. The motion passed unanimously.

**Art Isham gave an update on the 2025 Fur Rondy car show and the parade. Donn Reese will be the lead organizer for the Fur Rondy parade that takes place on Saturday February 22. The Fur Rendezvous car show will take place February 22 and 23 and Art Isham is the coordinator. Both Art and Donn would like some help with the two events if

(See p. 5, "November Minutes")

Map to the Christmas Party at Ishams



Yearly Renewals: Reminder to Pay Your Dues

By Linda Golding

Don't forget to pay your yearly National AACA dues, as well as those for AAMA. The AACA dues are \$45/year and can be renewed online at their website: aaca.org. You may also mail a check to them at 800 West Hersheypark Drive, Hershey PA 17033.

Our AAMA dues have held steady at \$20/year for the standard membership. If

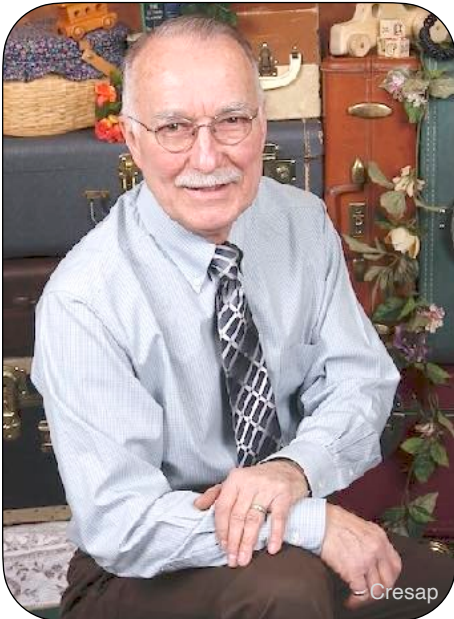
you wish to receive the printed TT, that price has risen to \$40/year (\$60 total). You may renew by sending a check to: AAMA, PO Box 232086, Anchorage AK 99523-2086, or renew via credit card on our website: antiqueautomushersak.org.

If you have any questions, call President Linda (soon to be Membership Chair) at 907-351-3251.

Scholarship Application Didn't Make It

We received word that the Chaces, our members in North Pole, were unable to make the deadline to apply for the AACA scholarship for their grandson, Adrian. They received the copy of our minutes but were unable to gather the rest of the scholarship information in time. They sent their thanks and apologies.

From the Editor's Desk



This is the last issue of the 64th volume of the Tinkering Times and the 24th volume I have edited. Am I dreaming? Can it really be 24 years that I've done this?

I joined the Antique Auto Musers in the fall of 1987; then, shortly before retiring from my teaching job, I got drafted as president of the club and, in the process, received—as a gift from the outgoing president, the late Marguerite Grau—the editorship of Tinkering Times.

I was a neophyte at both jobs. As president, I lucked out with some expert organizational, help from members who helped me through a difficult year as president.

With a background of some college degrees and 28 years of teaching English in some form or other, however, I took off right away as editor. It was, “no problem,” and I jumped in with both feet firmly planted.

The first eight years were a productive learning curve, and I was awarded several AACA Master Editor awards and, finally, in 2000, the Ann S. Eady Award. I was surprised at all the attention and recognition.

Now, you may be doing some quiet mental arithmetic and deciding, “wait a minute, that was over 31 years ago,” and you would be correct. I took a break from December 2001 till January 2009 to build our present home.

So, here we are—as Paul Simon wrote and sang back in 1975, “still crazy after all these years,” and I might add, still enjoying the adventure.

—Tom

I still can't believe it's been 24 years!

Where It All Began For Tom



When your editor was 13 years old, he fell in love with a car that was brand-new at the time: the Chevrolet Corvette. He (much later) found this one to drool over at the Vela Auto Museum in Illinois.



In 1984, Tom's antique auto bug got serious and he purchased this 1925 Model T Ford. He subsequently did a frame-off restoration. He still drives it 40 years later. Yes, these are all old photos.

November Minutes

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people are interested in volunteering. Laura Walter volunteered to help Donn with the parade. The club will have a canned food drive during the car show.

**Art Isham performed the election of club officers. The nominating committee was Art Isham and Donn Reese. Since there were no nominations in addition to the basic slate offered, a motion was made to elect the nominated club officers. The motion passed. The elected club officers for 2025 are:

President: Richard Golding
Vice President: Michael Packard
Secretary: Greg Carpenter

Treasurer: Louis Mestier

Sargent at Arms: Dutch Overly

Members at Large volunteers are: Donn Reese, Tam Isham and Scott Hulse.

BD's & Anniversaries

President Linda Mattes Golding announced birthdays and anniversaries for the month.

Split the Pot

Split the pot winner was Dan Billman.

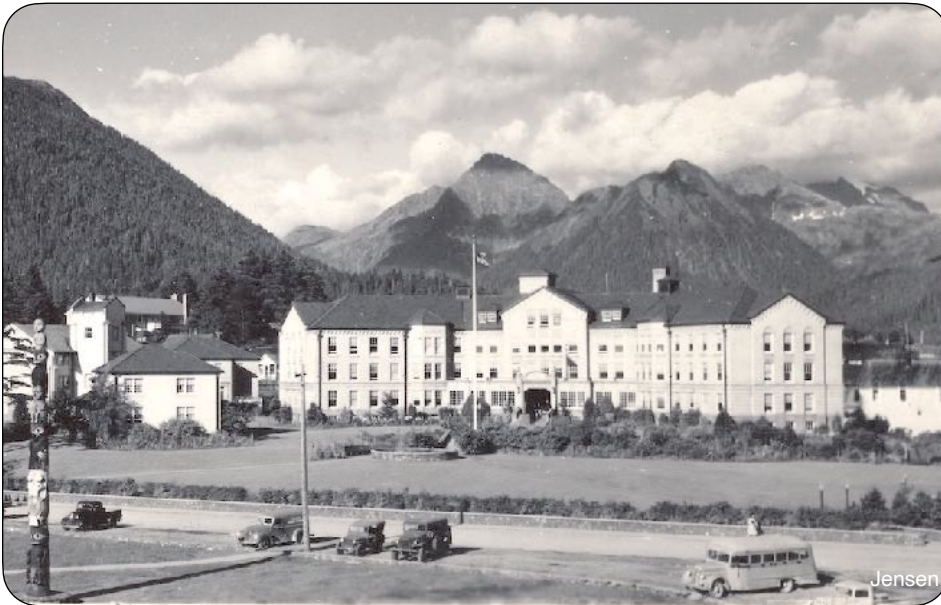
Meeting Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm. Dinner at Fire Tap restaurant.

Respectfully submitted,
Greg Carpenter, Secretary

December

Sitka after World War II



This photo came from a suitcase full of photographs that was recovered from Dave Jensen's father, Ken Jensen's, original Anchorage office building many years ago. Most of the photos come from Southeast Alaska—unrelated to the Jensen family.

Birthdays

Howard Hansen—1st
 Brian Anderson—2nd
 Ben Drury—2nd
 Linda Mattes Golding—7th
 Dale Dryden—12th
 Laura Smith—12th
 Dennis Allen—17th
 Art Isham—18th
 Colleen Hansen—20th
 Barbara Tullis—20th
 Michael Campbell—21st
 Tom Cresap—21st
 Marl Campbell—28th
 Jack Richter—29th

Anniversaries

Doris & Barry Fowler—14th
 Laura & Mike Smith—14th
 Barbara & Dick Henningsen—15th
 Tamea & Art Isham—18th
 Joanne & Dutch Overly—29th

A recipient of AACA Awards of Excellence, Master Editor and the Ann S. Eady Memorial Award

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